

HOUSE BILL 377  
By Cobb

AN ACT to name the bridge spanning the Duck River on State Route 82 in Bedford County in honor of the late Private First Class Daniel Bradley McClenney, United States Marine Corps.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor the memory of those courageous members of the United States Armed Forces who gave their lives in the defense of our nation; and

WHEREAS, no person is more deserving of this honor than the late Private First Class Daniel Bradley McClenney, United States Marine Corps, who was killed in combat in Afghanistan on June 24, 2004; and

WHEREAS, a 2003 graduate of Shelbyville Central High School, Daniel Bradley McClenney was the beloved son of Randy McClenney of the Flat Creek community in Bedford County and the late Veda McClenney, who preceded her son into Heaven just three years ago; and

WHEREAS, following the patriotic tradition for which Bedford County and the Volunteer State are renowned, Daniel had determined early in life to join the military; and

WHEREAS, treasured by his family and friends as a "very brave boy with a huge heart," Daniel enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps after graduating from high school and was subsequently deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom; and

WHEREAS, like thousands of others of this nation's sons and daughters, Daniel did not shrink from serving in combat, believing in the justice of the cause to protect our national security and liberty and to free the Afghani people; and

WHEREAS, a beloved son, brother, and grandson, Daniel McClenney now lies at rest among the lovely and peaceful hills of the Flat Creek community, which he loved so dearly as part of the land he gave his life to protect; and

WHEREAS, Private First Class Daniel Bradley McClenney served with great courage and gallantry, giving his life for his country and for the cause in which he believed, and for that ultimate sacrifice, he deserves proper recognition; as a member of the United States Marine Corps, he proudly continued an essential tradition of American society: the concept of the citizen-soldier; and

WHEREAS, Daniel McClenney's dedication to excellence in the military and his love of his family, his fellow soldiers and his country, as exemplified in his sacrifice of life itself in defense of all that he held dear, stand as enduring examples of all the characteristics that have ensured the continued freedom of our nation and the preservation of its ideals over the course of our history; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly wishes to permanently commemorate the singular patriotism, courage and commitment to duty of the late Private First Class Daniel Bradley McClenney, United States Marine Corps; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the bridge spanning the Duck River on State Route 82 in Bedford County is hereby designated as the "PFC Daniel Bradley McClenney Memorial Bridge" in recognition of the life of valor and death in combat of Private First Class Daniel Bradley McClenney, United States Marine Corps.

SECTION 2. The Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the bridge spanning the Duck River on State Route 82 in Bedford County as the "PFC Daniel Bradley McClenney Memorial Bridge". The cost of such signage shall be funded in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, §54-1-133.

SECTION 3. The erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices*.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.